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2. SUMMARY: CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL, WAS ASSAULTED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:15 A.M. ON AUGUST 2 BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR SOVIET MILITIA OFFICERS. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD FOLLOWED ON FOOT A SUSPICIOUS AUTOMOBILE THAT HAD BEEN CIRCLING BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL. WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL, A MILITIA CAR APPROACHED FROM BEHIND WHILE THE MEN IN THE OTHER CAR RAN TOWARDS HIM. THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL AND THE MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES REPEATEDLY HIT AND KICKED HIM WHILE HE WAS BEING HELD. AFTER ABOUT ONE MINUTE, THE MILITIA PUT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THEIR VEHICLE AS HE WAS STILL BEING ASSAULTED BY THE OTHER MEN. THE ENTIRE TIME A PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK PICTURES OF THE INCIDENT. SGT. CAMPBELL DOES NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION.

3. AFTER THE ASSAULT THE MILITIA TOOK SGT. CAMPBELL TO A NEAR-BY MILITIA STATION. AT 5:30 A.M. ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER HARMS WAS CALLED BY THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, M.A. VYBORNOV. VYBORNOV REQUESTED THAT HARMS COME TO THE MILITIA STATION TO PICK UP SGT. CAMPBELL, WHO, ALTHOUGH IDENTIFIED BY VYBORNOV, DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS PICKED UP BY THE MILITIA BECAUSE HE WAS SEEN THROWING A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNY PROSPEKT. VYBORNOV CLAIMED SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK AND WAS YELLING INSULTING WORDS AT THE TIME. HAVING INTERVIEWED SGT. CAMPBELL AND OTHER MSG'S WHO WERE AWARE OF PARTS OF THE INCIDENT, THE CONSUL GENERAL INTENDS TO LODGE A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND REQUESTS THAT SIMILAR PROTESTS BE MADE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AT HIGH LEVELS. END SUMMARY.

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4. ON AUGUST 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 0300, CONSULATE GENERAL MARINE SECURITY GUARD (MSG), SGT. RONALD CAMPBELL WAS ASSAULTED NEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL BY THREE SOVIET MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FOUR MILITIAMEN. PARAGRAPHS 5 THROUGH 8 BELOW CONTAIN THE FACTS OF THE INCIDENT AS RELATED BY SGT. CAMPBELL TO RSO JACKSON.

5. SGT CAMPBELL WORKED THE 1600-2400 SHIFT ON AUGUST 1ST. HE WAS RELIEVED BY CPL. HOFFMAN AT 2400 HRS. AT APPROXIMATELY 0005 HE WENT TO HIS ROOM AND CHANGED HIS CLOTHES. AT 0015 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE BAR AREA TO RECORD SOME MUSIC (ALSO PRESENT WERE CPL. PITTMAN AND SGT. FRISINA). AT APPROXIMATELY 0115 HE WENT TO THE MARINE HOUSE TELEVISION ROOM TO WATCH TV. CPL. PITTMAN WAS ALSO PRESENT; SGT. FRISINA HAD GONE TO BED AT APPROXIMATELY 0100. AT APPROXIMATELY 0230 SGT. CAMPBELL WENT FOR A WALK IN THE LOCAL AREA FOR 20 MINUTES. UPON RETURNING TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL, HE STOPPED TO TALK WITH SGT. JONES AT THE TEMPORARY MSG POST IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. SGT. JONES INFORMED HIM THAT A BEIGE VEHICLE HAD BEEN CIRCLING THE AREA AT LEAST THREE TIMES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BEIGE VEHICLE APPEARED AGAIN AND STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THE VEHICLE HAD THREE, POSSIBLY FOUR, MALE PASSENGERS DRESSED IN SUITS AND TIES. SGT. CAMPBELL APPROACHED THE VEHICLE AND ASKED THEM IF SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND IF HE COULD HELP THEM. HE DID THIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM AS SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE NOT NORMAL. THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND, UPON BEING ASKED WHAT WAS WRONG, STATED IN RUSSIAN THAT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND. THE VEHICLE THEN DROVE WEST APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS AND SLOWED TO A STOP. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE IN AN EFFORT TO LET THEM KNOW HIS CONCERN ABOUT THEM STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. BEFORE HE REACHED THE VEHICLE THEY DROVE AN ADDITIONAL 400-500 YARDS DOWNTOWN TO THE CORNER OF LITEYNNY PROSPEKT AND PETRA LAVROVA. AT THIS TIME THE PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE MOTIONED TO SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM BY WAVING THEIR ARMS OUT OF THE CAR WINDOWS (BOTH SIDES). SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH THE VEHICLE, BUT WHEN HE WAS WITHIN 100 YARDS OF IT, THE VEHICLE DROVE AROUND THE CORNER AND DISAPPEARED FROM HIS SIGHT.

6. BECOMING CURIOUS, SGT. CAMPBELL RAN DOWN TO THE CORNER TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. UPON REACHING THE CORNER HE

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NOTICED THE CAR AGAIN APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FURTHER DOWN LITEYNNY. THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE VEHICLE AGAIN MOTIONED FOR SGT. CAMPBELL TO FOLLOW THEM. AT THIS TIME HE OBSERVED A MILITIA VEHICLE APPROACHING FROM THE NORTH ON LITEYNNY. THE MILITIA VEHICLE SLOWED DOWN UPON SEEING SGT. CAMPBELL; AT THE SAME TIME THE BEIGE VEHICLE BACKED UP ABOUT 5 FEET. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS WATCHING THE CAR BACK UP, THE MILITIA VEHICLE MADE A U-TURN AND CAME UP BEHIND HIM. BEFORE THE MILITIA VEHICLE CAME ALONG SIDE, THREE MEN GOT OUT OF THE BEIGE VEHICLE AND RAN TOWARD SGT. CAMPBELL YELLING SOMETHING. AT THE SAME TIME FOUR MILITIAMEN GOT OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE ALONG SIDE HIM. TWO OF THE MILITIAMEN GRABBED SGT. CAMPBELL, HOLDING HIS ARMS AT HIS SIDE. BY THIS TIME THE THREE MEN FROM THE BEIGE VEHICLE HAD ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ONE OF THESE MEN HIT SGT. CAMPBELL IN THE LEFT EYE. AT THE

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SAME TIME THE MILITIAMEN FORCED HIS ARMS BEHIND HIS BACK AND BEGAN FORCING HIM TO THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE. ONE OF THE THREE MEN ALSO GRABBED HIS SHIRT, RIPPING IT WHILE FORCING HIM AGAINST THE VEHICLE. THE MILITIAMEN DID NOTHING TO ASSIST OTHER THAN TO HOLD HIM. HE WAS THROWN AGAINST THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE WHERE HE WAS KICKED REPEATEDLY BY ALL THREE MEN IN SUITS. THE KICKS WERE DIRECTED MOSTLY AT HIS LEGS, GROIN AND BACK. THIS LASTED APPROXIMATELY 1 MINUTE. SGT. CAMPBELL RECALLS THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS PRESENT AND TOOK FLASH PICTURES OF THE BEATING. HE WAS THEN FORCED INTO THE BACK OF THE MILITIA VEHICLE BY THE MILITIAMEN. THE OTHER THREE MEN WERE STILL HITTING AND KICKING AT HIM AT THIS TIME. WHILE SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE, THE MEN STILL ATTEMPTED TO HIT HIM, THROWING NUMEROUS BLOWS.

7. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS ASSISTED BY THE MILITIAMEN IN SHUTTING THE DOOR. HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL JAIL APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES TRAVELING TIME. WHILE EXITING THE MILITIA VEHICLE, THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS AGAIN PRESENT TAKING NUMEROUS PICTURES. SGT. CAMPBELL ATTEMPTED TO HIDE HIS FACE AT THIS TIME. HE WAS PUT INTO A JAIL CELL OCCUPIED BY SIX SLEEPING SOVIETS. WHEN THE JAIL DOOR WAS CLOSED, SGT. CAMPBELL INFORMED THE MILITIA OFFICERS PRESENT IN RUSSIAN THAT HE WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT. HE ALSO GAVE THE CONGEN TELEPHONE NUMBER IN RUSSIAN. HE REPEATEDLY ASKED TO MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AND WAS LAUGHED AT. THE ENTIRE TIME HE WAS HUMILIATED AND JEERED AT. THE PHOTOGRAPHER CONTINUALLY TOOK PICTURES WHILE HE WAS IN THE JAIL CELL. ALSO PRESENT AT THE JAIL WERE THE THREE MEN THAT BEAT HIM, WHO WERE LAUGHING AND POINTING AT HIM. AT SOME POINT, APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER, A MAN (PRESUMABLY M.A. VYBORNOV OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY) APPEARED AT THE CELL AND ASKED IN ENGLISH IF HE WAS RON CAMPBELL. SGT. CAMPBELL HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED HIS NAME. THE MAN SAID "WE CALL MR. MAGEE" AND CAMPBELL RESPONDED "YES, PLEASE."

8. A SHORT TIME LATER HE WAS INFORMED THAT THEY COULD NOT REACH MR. MAGEE AND THAT MR. HARMS WAS ON HIS WAY. THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND THE MEN WHO BEAT SGT. CAMPBELL DISAPPEARED JUST PRIOR TO MR. HARMS' ARRIVAL. SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NEVER ASKED HIS NAME OR HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION DURING THE ENTIRE INCIDENT. BECAUSE HE HAD NOT INTENDED TO GO OUT ANYWHERE, SGT. CAMPBELL HAD LEFT HIS DIPLOMATIC KARTOCHKA IN HIS ROOM.

9. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 M.A. VYBORNOV, ACTING CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY, CALLED RONALD HARMS, ACTING DPO OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. VYBORNOV SAID THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS AT THE MILITIA STATION ON CHEKOV STREET AND ASKED THAT HARMS COME GET HIM. VYBORNOV STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SGT. CAMPBELL DID NOT HAVE HIS DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD, HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM. HARMS REQUESTED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY, BUT VYBORNOV REFUSED INSISTING THAT HARMS COME TO THE STATION.

10. AT THE MILITIA STATION, VYBORNOV EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP SGT. CAMPBELL AT 3:15 WHEN THEY SAW HIM THROW A ROCK AT A PASSING CAR ON LITEYNNY PROSPEKT. THE MILITIA CLAIMED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS EXTREMELY DRUNK, AND WAS LOUDLY SHOUTING OBSCENITIES. REFERRING TO THE PRIOR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SGT. CAMPBELL (REF A), VYBORNOV SAID, "THIS IS ANOTHER SERIOUS HOOLIGAN ACT BY CAMPBELL. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER." CAMPBELL

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WAS THEN RELEASED AND RETURNED WITH HARMS TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

11. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS OF SGT. FRISINA, SGT. JONES, AND CPL. PITTMAN ALL INDICATE THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL. CPL. PITTMAN ADVISED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL HAD HAD TWO MIXED DRINKS PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING THE CONSULATE. SGT. JONES SAID THAT HE TALKED WITH SGT. CAMPBELL JUST PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT AND THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS NOT THE LEAST BIT INTOXICATED AND WAS IN "COMPLETE CONTROL". ADDITIONALLY, RSO JACKSON AND ACTING DPO HARMS OBSERVED THAT SGT. CAMPBELL WAS COMPLETELY SOBER AT 0600.

12. CG'S COMMENT: I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY PROTEST THIS INCIDENT IN STRONGEST TERMS AND AT VERY HIGH LEVELS. I WILL BE PROTESTING TO THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HERE AS SOON AS I CAN GET AN APPOINTMENT. THIS IS THE UGLIEST AND MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT TO OCCUR IN LENINGRAD DURING MY SIX MONTHS HERE, AND THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR IT. THE PHYSICAL BEATING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HUMILIATION TO WHICH SGT. CAMPBELL WAS SUBJECTED WAS APPALING BY ANY CIVILIZED STANDARD. THE LENINGRAD SECURITY ORGANS ARE THREATENING TO GET TOTALLY OUT OF HAND. WE ARE NOW TREATED TO THE SPECTACLE OF SOVIET "GOON" SQUADS CRUISING THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT NIGHT, PRIMED TO PROVOKE FURTHER INCIDENTS AND PHYSICALLY HARM MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF WHO VENTURE OFF-COMPOUND. I AM SERIOUSLY WORRIED FOR THE SAFETY OF THE MARINE GUARD WHO WILL BE ON DUTY AT NIGHT OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL THE FACADE AND ROOF REPAIR PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

13. THIS INCIDENT AND THE OTHER RECENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OUR MSG'S (REFS A AND B) INDICATE THAT THERE IS A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO HARASS AND DEMORALIZE THESE YOUNG MEN. SINCE THE SECOND ALLEGED INCIDENT (REF A), OUR MSG'S HAVE RECEIVED "LOCK-STEP" SURVEILLANCE EVERYWHERE THEY GO. ALL OF THIS HAS HAD A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THEIR MORALE. FOR THE PRESENT, WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESTRICT THE MARINES TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL COMPOUND TO PREVENT FURTHER HARASSMENT OR ASSAULTS, ALTHOUGH I DO NOT LIKE TO GIVE IN TO SOVIET PRESSURES IN THIS WAY. BUT IT IS NO LONGER SAFE FOR OUR MARINES TO LEAVE THE COMPOUND EVEN TO TAKE A SHORT WALK AROUND THE BLOCK. THE LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES HAVE GOT TO BE MADE TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, AND TO STOP THESE CRUDE SET-UPS WHICH HAVE SEVERAL TIMES RESULTED IN PHYSICAL INJURY.

MAGEE

END OF MESSAGE

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